

trucking industry and third party communications to Congress in order to generate opposition to the OMC transfer provision in [Congressional legislation]." In short, OMC contacted the industry it is charged with regulating to solicit support to defeat a proposal to move the OMC to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). OMC officials have effectively gotten in debt to the very people they are supposed to regulate.

SOLUTION: CONSOLIDATE OMC FUNCTIONS IN ANOTHER SAFETY AGENCY

In my opinion, the rising number of deaths and the poor oversight of the trucking industry by OMC is partially a result of OMC's location at FHWA. FHWA is skilled at building and maintaining roads, but has done a poor job at monitoring the trucking industry. This task has not been high on the priority list. Therefore, I have suggested a reorganization where OMC will become a part of an existing or new managerial structure whose primary mission will be safety. I have suggested NHTSA, and I recognize the possibility that a better structure may exist. The legislation I introduce today, if not the answer, is a good place to start.

The dispatch with which this proposal is implemented becomes critical when we consider that on January 1, 2000, less than a year from now, the Northern American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will permit trucks crossing the border from Mexico to travel anywhere in the United States. Anywhere. Currently, Mexican trucks are permitted to travel in border commercial zones which range from three to 20 miles. A recent DOT IG report, which is also enclosed, found that of the 3.7 million trucks from Mexico crossing in 1998, only 17,332 were inspected, and of this number, 44 percent were found to be in such disrepair that they were immediately taken out of service. These unsafe trucks could be in your state next year. These trucks could be on every road in America—most uninspected and many grossly unsafe. We need to address this problem now.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, which I chair, will be holding hearings on this important issue Tuesday, February 23.

HUNTINGDON FIRE COMPANY, NO.
1, 125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the Huntingdon No. 1 Fire Company located in my District in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

Most people take fire protection for granted, yet don't realize the intensive undertaking involved in training and maintaining a fire department. Huntingdon No. 1 Fire Company has shouldered this responsibility well, as evidenced by their solid record of outstanding service. Created by an ordinance passed in 1801 making bare provisions for the town's fire protection, Huntingdon No. 1 Fire Company has evolved into a sophisticated and flexible department capable of managing a wide variety of emergencies.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending each member of the department, past and

present, on a job well done. They have helped safeguard Huntingdon for the past 125 years and will continue to do so far into the future. I am indeed very privileged to serve such a distinguished group of individuals in the U.S. House of Representatives, and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE JAMES P.
KILBANE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Judge James "Seamus" P. Kilbane, who dedicated his life to serving the public.

Judge Kilbane graduated from St. Ignatius High School, where he was an avid athlete, in 1941. He then attended John Carroll University before he served in Europe during World War II as a first lieutenant in the infantry. Following his service in the Army Judge Kilbane earned his Bachelor's degree from John Carroll University in 1948, working as a boiler-maker and salesman while he was in school.

In 1951 Judge Kilbane received his law degree from Western Reserve University Law School and in 1968 he earned a juris doctorate. While attending Western Reserve University he also served as a patrolman for the Cleveland Police Department. He resigned from that position in 1952 to practice law.

From 1955 until 1962, Judge Kilbane served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, and in 1963 and 1964 he served as a member of the Ohio State Senate. As a legislator Judge Kilbane fought for legislation that established state nursing home standards as well as legislation that supported labor and welfare.

In 1972 Judge Kilbane was elected judge of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, where he served full-time until 1990. Judge Kilbane, however, continued judging cases on a part-time basis after 1990. He was known as a well-prepared, hard working judge who always stuck to his convictions.

Judge Kilbane and his outstanding, life-long commitment to public service will be greatly missed.

IN HONOR OF THE DALE CITY
CIVIC ASSOCIATION CITIZEN OF
THE YEAR AWARDS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of outstanding citizens from Dale City in Prince William County of the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia. These remarkable individuals have been selected by the Dale City Civic Association in recognition of their many achievements and their dedication to serving their community. These award-winners are people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. They are members of the Dale City community who gave of their time in order

to serve others and encourage others to be leaders. These citizens will be recognized on January 31, 1999, by the Dale City Civic Association, one of the largest, most active and accomplished Citizens Associations in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I would like to offer my congratulations to these award recipients.

The Dale City Civic Association was created over thirty years ago. Since that time, it has grown into a strong organization that has encouraged its members to volunteer their time and efforts to make their neighborhood a better place to live and work. The Association has an outstanding record of service to the community. Their work includes awarding a number of scholarships to college-bound students from Dale City, as well as monitoring development in the region and serving as a sounding board for citizens and businesses.

Citizen of the Year: David H. Dell, Sr. Mr. Dell, a twenty-two year resident of Dale City, has made a career of giving back to the community. In addition to being a Life Member of the Dale City Civic Association, Mr. Dell is also a long-time member of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department and volunteer driver for hospital personnel, doctors, nurses and staff to get them to and from work during inclement weather. Not only does Mr. David Dell, Sr. see to the safety needs of Dale City, he is also dedicated to fostering the City's cultural well-being as Staging Director for the Dale City 4th of July Parade for the past three years. Mr. Dell has demonstrated exceptional community spirit over the past twenty-two years and is certainly deserving of the honor bestowed upon him by the Dale City Civic Association.

Young Citizen of the Year: Rachel J. Bryant. Miss Bryant is an extraordinary young citizen who has already become a strong role model to her peers. Rachel is currently a senior at Gar-Field High School. At Gar-Field, Rachel is a member and facilitator in the Gifted Education Enrichment Seminar Program for the past four years. Additionally, Miss Bryant is Vice President of her class, a member of the National Honor Society and has attended Virginia's Governor's School for Mathematics, Science and Technology where she was awarded the Macy's Scholar Award for Minorities in Medicine. Rachel is Gar-Field High School's shining star and demonstrates that our next generation is caring, selfless and dedicated.

Community Service Award: Dorothy Holley. Mrs. Holley is a volunteer who works with the elderly, local service organizations, and the less-fortunate. She spends much of her volunteer time arranging for food donations to be made to the PW Homeless Shelter, Senior Center and the PERTC Thermal Shelter. Throughout the community she is described as always willing and able to lend a hand in her community.

The Kathy Feeney Nurse of the Year: Eileen J. Yetter, RN. Mrs. Yetter has served the Dale City community at Potomac Hospital for the past eight years and is now one of the senior staff members in the Emergency Department. She is clearly dedicated to administering excellent quality care to her patients. In particular, Mrs. Yetter has helped design the state of the art Emergency Care Center at Potomac Hospital. Some of her design innovations have been duplicated in other emergency rooms across the nation. She also has worked to make the senior communities in Dale City